

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An information processing apparatus capable of communication with an external unit connected thereto. The apparatus has a connection unit to connect the  
5 external unit, a first control unit connectable to the external unit for controlling communication between the connected external unit and the information processing apparatus, a second control unit connectable to the external unit for controlling communication between the  
10 connected external unit and the information processing apparatus, and a switching unit to select the first control unit or the second control unit as a control unit connected to the external unit for communication between the connected external unit and the information  
15 processing apparatus.